

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Friday 10 Nov 2023 until 23:59 on Saturday 11 Nov 2023

Forecast Issued on Friday 10 Nov 2023 at 03:19 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Good for some showers Friday, fair weather Saturday and early Sunday, then turning unsettled from late Sunday, but lowering confidence for detail of worst of the weather for early next week.

Headline for Friday 10 Nov 2023: Showers and brighter spells. Relatively light summit winds, but still bringing severe wind chill to higher peaks.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 10 Nov 2023

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Gales

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

Low Likelihood

Poor visibility

Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms

Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
					
Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Light snow	Light snow	Heavy snow	Light snow
Precipitation probability					
20%	20%	30%	40%	50%	40%

Forecast for Friday 10 Nov 2023

Weather: A mostly dry and bright morning, with sunny spells, but showers over coastal ranges and in far north, where it will be cloudier, with snow falling down to 600m. Cloud building from the north during the afternoon to bring more prolonged showery weather, especially to the north and northeast, with some heavier outbreaks and risk of hail and thunder, but snow level rising a little to around 800m. Driest and brightest conditions expected for ranges towards the Great Glen through to early afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: In north 75% becoming 30% in the afternoon. In south 90% becoming 70% in afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Good or very good becoming moderate or poor in rain showers, very poor in snow and within cloud with bases lowering 600 m at times, particularly later in the day and across northern ranges.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)				Wind Direction (blowing from)		
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	14/15 N	15/17 NW	17/21 NW	19/24 NW	24/29 NW	21/25 N	18/21 N
900	11/12 N	12/14 NW	16/19 NW	18/23 NW	23/28 NW	19/23 N	15/19 N
600	5/6 N	6/8 N	8/12 NW	12/17 NW	15/20 NW	12/17 N	7/11 N
300	1/8 N	2/11 NW	2/14 NW	5/18 NW	5/21 N	4/18 N	2/13 N
Glen	2/5 N	2/6 N	3/8 W	4/13 NW	5/15 N	5/14 N	5/12 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	0/-5	-0/-6	-0/-7	-0/-7	-0/-7	-0/-7	-1/-6
900	1/-4	0/-5	0/-5	0/-6	0/-6	0/-6	0/-5
600	2/-0	2/-1	3/-1	3/-1	2/-2	2/-2	2/-1
300	2/0	3/2	4/3	4/3	4/2	4/2	4/2
Glen	3/2	5/4	7/6	7/6	7/5	6/5	6/4
Freezing Level*	800m	900m	1000m	1000m	1000m	1100m	1100m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Severe wind chill effect across higher peaks despite the relatively light winds.

Forecast for Saturday 11 Nov 2023

Weather: Most staying dry with only a few light showers appearing, chiefly from Assynt northwards. Sunshine prolonged in central and southern areas, gradually lifting the overnight frost and any ice patches from around the foothills. Snow level in showers around 700 m.

Maximum wind: Mainly north to northeast 15 mph or less

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 75% in north 90% plus in south

Low cloud and visibility: Good or very good becoming moderate or poor in rain showers, very poor in snow showers and within cloud with bases lowering infrequently to 600m, chiefly across northern ranges.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2 Celsius rising plus 8 Celsius for the afternoon
At 800m: Minus 1 Celsius to plus 2 Celsius
Freezing level: 800-1000 m